

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/071,556	MOYNE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Nitin Patel	2629	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-64,67-78 and 80-82.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date <u>5/5/2005</u></li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____.</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.</li> </ol> |
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Baron on 4/28/2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 67 has been replaced with following amended claim 67.**

I. The method of claim 59 further comprising preparing the processing unit for recording the writing.

**Claim 68 has been replaced with following amended claim 68.**

II. The method of claim 59 wherein the processing unit is a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a wireless device, a hand-held device, a printer, or any combination thereof.

### REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1-6,8-64,67-78,80-82 is allowed. Claims 7,65,66,79 have been cancelled.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

The prior art fails to teach or suggest A system for recording a writing performed on a surface comprising: a stylus comprising a first signal transmitter for transmitting position signals corresponding to positional data representative of the writing when the

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stylus is disposed adjacent to the surface; and a detector assembly comprising a plurality of position signal receivers for receiving the position signals transmitted by the stylus and further comprising a storage medium for recording the positional data; and a detachable processing unit for displaying the positional data representative of the writing, wherein the system has an ability to record writing while the processing unit is not connected to the system as claimed in claims 1,37.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a detector for use in a transcription system, the transcription system including a stylus for transmitting signals when the stylus is disposed adjacent to a surface, the detector comprising: a base appliance comprising a plurality of signal receivers for receiving the position signals transmitted by the stylus, logic for converting the position signals to positional data, and an internal local storage medium for recording the positional data; and a personality module removably attachable to the base appliance for providing a user interface for the detector as claimed in claim 40.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a method for recording a writing performed on a surface comprising: providing a detector comprising a plurality of condenser microphones capable of receiving an acoustic signal; sending the acoustic signal from a stylus at a position on the surface when the stylus is disposed adjacent to the surface; receiving the acoustic signal with the plurality of condenser microphones; converting the acoustic signal to positional data; recording the positional data; and repeating the sending step, receiving step, converting step, and recording step to produce an image

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corresponding to the writing and downloading the positional data from the detector to a detachable processing unit as claimed in claim 59.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a method for recording a writing performed on a surface comprising: sending a position signal from a stylus when the stylus is disposed adjacent to the surface; receiving the position signal with a detector comprising a plurality of signal receivers; converting the position signal to positional data using logic located on the detector; recording the positional data on a storage medium located on the detector; and repeating the sending step, receiving step, converting step, and recording step to produce an image corresponding to the writing; and downloading the positional data from the detector to a detachable processing unit as claimed in claim 72.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7677. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin H. Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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